

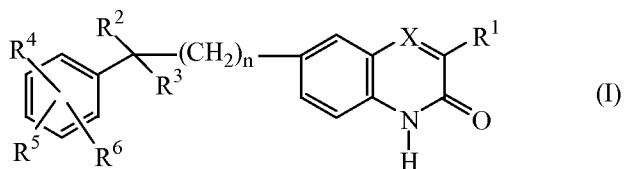
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application.

Listing of the Claims:

1-16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I),



the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and the stereo-chemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

n is 0, 1 or 2;

X is N or CR⁷, wherein R⁷ is hydrogen ~~or taken together with R⁴ may form a bivalent radical of formula CH=CH-CH=CH-~~;

R¹ is C₁₋₆alkyl;

R² is hydrogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, or C₃₋₆alkynyl;

R³ is a radical selected from

-(CH₂)_s- NR⁸R⁹ (a-1),

-O-H (a-2),

-O-R¹⁰ (a-3),

-S- R¹¹ (a-4), or

—C≡N (a-5),

wherein

s is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R⁸, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are each independently selected from -CHO, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino,

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl, piperidinylC₁₋₆alkylaminocarbonyl, piperidinyl, piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, thiophenylC₁₋₆alkyl, pyrrolylC₁₋₆alkyl, arylC₁₋₆alkylpiperidinyl, arylcarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, arylcarbonylpiperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl, haloindozolylpiperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, and

R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

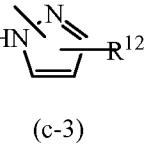
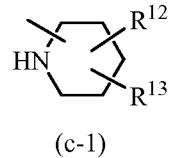
or R³ is a group of formula



wherein

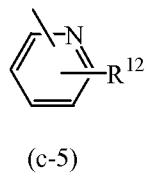
t is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

-Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from

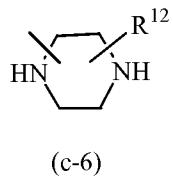


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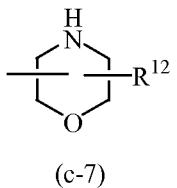
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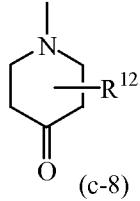
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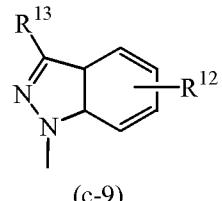
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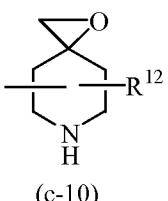
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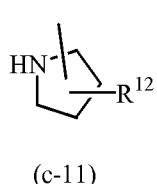
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(c-9)

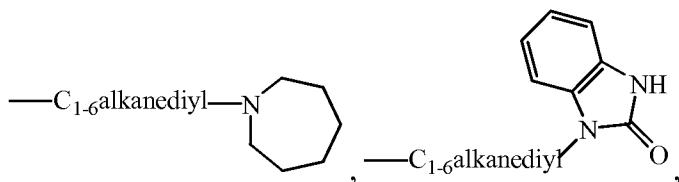


(c-10)



(c-11)

wherein R¹² is hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, aminocarbonyl, amino, hydroxy, aryl,



C₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylamino, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, di(phenylC₂₋₆alkenyl), piperidinyl, piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkylC₁₋₆alkyl, aryloxy(hydroxy)C₁₋₆alkyl, haloindazolyl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, arylC₂₋₆alkenyl, arylC₁₋₆alkylamino, morpholino, C₁₋₆alkylimidazolyl, pyridinylC₁₋₆alkylamino; and

R¹³ is hydrogen, piperidinyl or aryl;

R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently selected from hydrogen, halo, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, amino, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy or C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, or C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents independently selected from hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, or aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy; or

when R⁵ and R⁶ are on adjacent positions they may taken together form a bivalent radical of formula

- O-CH₂-O (d-1),
- O-(CH₂)₂-O- (d-2),
- CH=CH-CH=CH- (d-3), or
- NH-C(O)-NR¹⁴=CH- (d-4),

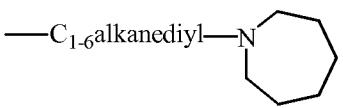
wherein R¹⁴ is C₁₋₆alkyl;

and aryl is phenyl, phenyl substituted with halo, C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkyloxy.

18. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 17 wherein

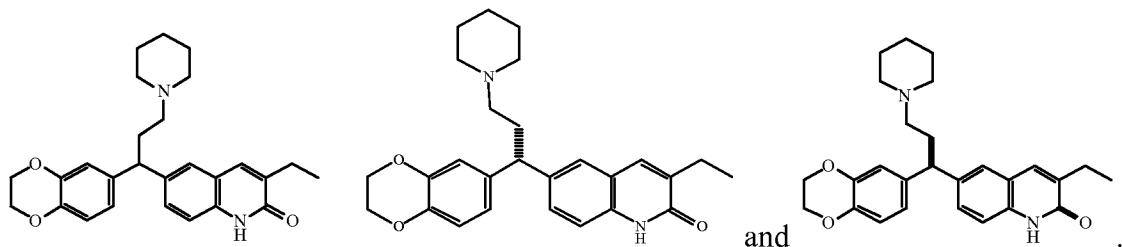
R³ is a radical selected from the group consisting of (a-1), (a-2), (a-3) (a-5), and (b-1) wherein -Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from (c-1), (c-6), (c-8), (c-9), or (c-11); s is 0, 1 or 2; R⁸ and R¹⁰ are each independently selected from -CHO, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl, piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl,

piperidinylC₁₋₆alkylaminocarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, thiophenylC₁₋₆alkyl, pyrrolylC₁₋₆alkyl, arylC₁₋₆alkylpiperidinyl, arylcarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, arylcarbonylpiperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl, haloindozolylpiperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl, or arylC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; t is 0 or 2; R¹² is hydrogen,


C₁₋₆alkyl, aminocarbonyl, di(phenylC₂₋₆alkenyl), piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkylC₁₋₆alkyl, haloindazolyl, or arylC₂₋₆alkenyl; R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently selected from hydrogen, halo, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy or C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl; and when R⁵ and R⁶ are on adjacent positions they may taken together form a bivalent radical of formula (d-1) or (d-2).

19. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 17 wherein n is 0; X is CH; R² is hydrogen; Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from (c-1); t is 2; R¹² is hydrogen; R¹³ is hydrogen; and R⁵ and R⁶ are on adjacent positions and taken together form a bivalent radical of formula (d-2).

20. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of



21. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 17.

22. (Cancelled).